

APPROVED: Meeting No. 23-88

ATTEST:

MAYOR AND COUNCIL
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND
Meeting No. 22-88

May 2, 1988

The Mayor and Council of Rockville, Maryland, convened in Work Session in the Council Chamber, Rockville City Hall, Maryland Avenue at Vinson Street, Rockville, Maryland, at 7:30 p.m.

PRESENT

Mayor Douglas M. Duncan

Councilman Stephen N. Abrams
(arrived at 7:50 p.m.)

Councilman James F. Coyle

Councilwoman Viola D. Hovsepian

Councilman David Robbins

The Mayor in the Chair.

In attendance: City Attorney Paul T. Glasgow, City Clerk Margaret R. Gearin, Acting City Manager Rick W. Kuckkahn, Senior Budget Analyst Ellen Elow-Mintz, and Planner II Stacy Wood.

Re: Citizens Forum

There being no citizen who wished to address the Mayor and Council, the Citizen Forum portion of the meeting was closed.

Re: Presentation of the Budget

Acting City Manager Rick Kuckkahn presented the Proposed FY '89 Budget to the Mayor and Council and gave a 10 minutes slide presentation of the FY '89 Proposed Operating Budget and the FY 1989-1994 Capital Improvements Program in which he announced a decrease in the tax rate from \$.85 to \$.83.

At the conclusion of his presentation, Mr. Kuckkahn thanked his staff who helped in the presentation of the budget and introduced Senior Budget Analyst Ellen Elow-Mintz, Junior Budget Analyst Donna Rice, and Planner II Stacy Wood.

Mr. Kuckkahn read the schedule for the budget and CIP worksessions and public hearings:

May 11, 1988	7:30 pm	Budget Worksession - Public Works, City Manager's Office, Finance. (Boards and Commissions Room)
May 16, 1988	7:30 pm	Public Hearing on Operating Budget and CIP. (Mayor and Council Chambers)
May 18, 1988	7:30 pm	Budget Worksession - Recreation and Parks, Community Services. (Boards and Commissions Room)
May 25, 1988	7:30 pm	Budget Worksession - Capital Improvements Programs, Planning. (Boards and Commissions Room)
May 31, 1988	7:30 pm	Public Hearing on Operating Budget and CIP. (Mayor and Council Chambers)
June 1, 1988	7:30 pm	Budget Worksession - Police and Community Development. (Boards and Commissions Room)
June 6, 1988	7:30 pm	Budget Worksession - Outside Agency Requests, Budget Decisions. (Boards and Commissions Room)
June 8, 1988	7:30 pm	Budget Worksession (if needed) - Final Decisions. (Boards and Commissions Room)
June 13, 1988	7:30 pm	Adoption of Budget Ordinance, Adoption of Amendment to Water and Sewer Ordinances, Passage of Resolution on Refuse Rates. (Mayor and Council Chambers)

The Mayor and Council asked the staff to prepare answers at the worksession for the following questions:

1. When were utility accounts separated from the general fund?

2. Did any ideas emerge from previous discussions on the acceleration of tipping fees?

3. Has a comparison been done of the services Rockville provides in contrast to the services other communities provide?

4. What is the impact of Federal mandates regarding hazardous material and water?

5. What is the level of indebtedness the City has?

6. Can Rockville use more volunteers for delivery of services which some cities have had success with?

7. Is money being added each year to the reserve fund for housing needs?

8. Has any significant money been added to training and development funds?

9. Will the staff prepare some averages to indicate the effect of assessment increases.

10. Will the staff prepare an explanation of the fund balance? - a major assumption is that it lowers the tax rate.

11. What are the tax rate and expenditure level based on? Ms. Elow-Mintz pointed out that no cost of living allowance is in the budget allowance.

12. Are Recreation staff figures and pay scale included in the budget?

The Mayor and Council thanked the staff for their excellent presentation, and Mayor Duncan asked that copies of the slides be provided to the Mayor and Council.

Re: Introduction of Ordinance to
Appropriate Funds and Levy Taxes
for Fiscal Year 1989.

On motion of Councilwoman Hovsepien there was laid upon the table an ordinance to Appropriate Funds and Levy Taxes for Fiscal Year 1989. Said

ordinance to lay over for at least one week before final adoption.

Re: Introduction of Ordinance to
Amend Section 7-2.16 of Chapter
7 of the "Laws of Rockville",
entitled "Water Consumption
Charge"

On motion of Councilwoman Hovsepien there was laid upon the table an ordinance to Amend Section 7-2.16 of Chapter 7 of the "Laws of Rockville", entitled Water Consumption Charge". Said ordinance to lay over for at least one week before final adoption.

Re: Introduction of Ordinance to
Amend Section 7-2.17 of Chapter
7 of the "Laws of Rockville",
entitled "Sewer Usage Charge"

On motion of Councilman Robbins there was laid upon the table an ordinance to Amend Section 7-2.17 of Chapter 7 of the "Laws of Rockville", entitled "Sewer Usage Charge". Said ordinance to lay over for at least one week before final adoption.

Re: Correspondence/FYI

Councilwoman Hovsepien noted a letter from Mr. Harry W. Lerch concerning the use of a piece of property at the southeast corner of Stonestreet and Crabb Avenue in Rockville and Montgomery County's intention to acquire this property for parking at Metro. She asked that the staff get in touch with the County Council if we do not want a permanent parking arrangement made on this property and also asked if the County Council could indeed condemn land within the City.

Councilman Abrams mentioned that the County is looking at additional Metro parking at Silver Spring and Shady Grove Metro stations under a matching funds grant program and asked staff to investigate the possibility of Rockville being included in this program.

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Councilwoman Hovsepian noted the recommendation of the American Lung Association that municipalities consider uniform legislation with the County's recently passed legislation "Smoking in Public Places".

Councilman Coyle praised the Council of Governments for its recent Drug Summit. Both he and Councilman Abrams reported on the forceful ideas initiated by the Assistant Attorney General in New Jersey to combat drug use. They also noted that Montgomery County States Attorney Andrew Sonner spoke at the Summit and emphasized that there is no clearing house for public prosecutors in the Metro area to get together, which is an oversight in the structure of regional organizations. It was suggested that one remedy could be that prosecutors use the United States Marshall's office which would be good for enforcement because the prosecutors would not be bound by jurisdictional lines.

Councilman Robbins commended the staff for its fine job in packaging information materials in preparation of the drug summit. Mayor Duncan concluded the meeting by sharing an invitation he had received from the Lord Mayor of Dublin, Ireland, to attend the Lord Mayors Millennium Golf Tournament in Dublin this year as Dublin celebrates its 1,000 year anniversary.

Re: Adjournment

On motion of Councilman Robbins, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m., to convene again in General Session on Monday, May 9, 1988, at 7:30 p.m., or at the call of the Mayor.